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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NUJOMA HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE

1. AFTER MEETING WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM PM JULY 31, SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA HELD A THIRTY-MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE. (AT THE TIME OF THE CONFERENCE NO WORD HAD BEEN RECEIVED ON THE RESULTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CABINET MEETING.) NUJOMA PLANS TO DEPART NEW YORK THIS EVENING (JULY 31).

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2. IN A BRIEF OPENING STATEMENT NUJOMA SAID THAT HE HAD JUST MET WITH WALDHEIM TO DISCUSS THE PLANNING FOR THE UN PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA. HE ADDED THAT SWAPO AS SOLE AND AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE EXPECTED TO BE CONSULTED ON AND INVOLVED IN THAT PLANNING. NUJOMA WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE BELLIGERENT STATEMENT MADE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL

BY SOUTH AFRICA'S "RACIST SO-CALLED FOREIGN MINISTER" AND THE PRESS STATEMENTS MADE BY PRIME MINISTER VORSTER ATTEST TO THE FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT. THIS UNWILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE COUPLED WITH CONTINUED SOUTH AFRICAN OPPRESSION IN NAMIBIA MADE, IN NUJOMA'S VIEW, THE PROSPECT FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS DOUBTFUL.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS NUJOMA THEN MADE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- (A) SWAPO HAD ASSURED WALDHEIM OF ITS FULL COOPERATION IN ENSURING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS' EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN THE REALIZATION OF NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE ARE SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT.

- (B) NUJOMA REITERATED SWAPO'S WELL-KNOWN POSITION ON WALVIS BAY. HE STATED THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S MILITARY PRESENCE IN WALVIS BAY IS "MORE THAN A DIVISION" AND "IS BEING EXTENSIVELY EXPANDED NOW".

- (C) HE SAID THAT IF SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES TO REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH THE UN, SWAPO WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE TO AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMED
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- (D) WITH REGARD TO THE UN ROLE IN NAMIBIA, NUJOMA STATED THAT SWAPO "WOULD LIKE TO SEE" THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE HAVE OVERALL CONTROL. SWAPO'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL, NUJOMA CONTINUED, IS THAT THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE IN OVERALL CHARGE. HE ADDED THAT THE REPRESSIVE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL MAKE IT OBVIOUS THAT STEYN CANNOT BE TRUSTED TO BE IN CONTROL.

- (E) WHEN ASKED WHY SWAPO ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL IF IT HAD RESERVATIONS WITH IT, NUJOMA REPLIED: "WE HAVE NOT ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL, AS IS BEING IMPLIED BY CERTAIN SOURCES. WE HAVE ACCEPTED TO WORK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROPOSAL WITH OUR RESERVATIONS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT."

- (F) WITH REGARD TO A CEASEFIRE, NUJOMA STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT "SWAPO WILL NEVER ORDER A CEASE-FIRE UNTIL ALL REPRESSIVE LAWS ARE REPEALED BY THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, UNTIL ALL NAMIBIAN

POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE RELEASED, AND UNTIL
ALL ENEMY TROOPS ARE CONFINED TO THEIR BASE. THEN
ONLY THEN I WILL ORDER CONFINEMENT OF SWAPO GUERILLA
FORCES". WHEN HE WAS TOLD THAT BOTHA HAS STATED
THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOT REDUCE ITS TROOPS UNTIL
A CEASEFIRE IS IN EFFECT, NUJOMA REPLIED,
"DON'T BELIEVE IT." LATER, NUJOMA SAID FIGHTING
WOULD CONTINUE "UNTIL THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
TAKES OVER NAMIBIA."

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